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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/066,457	Applicant(s) KUTARAGI ET AL.	
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 43-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 43-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 43 – 52 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 43, 47 and 52 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 43 – 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Salmonsens et al. U.S. Patent No. (7,178,169).
5. As per claims 43, 47 and 51 Salmonsens discloses a first information processing apparatus having a user interface for receiving input including a password from a user and for providing output to the user (Salmonsens, Col. 5 Lines 50 – 62, user interface that accepts a password and communicates with secure server), a second information processing apparatus including a database, said second information processing

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apparatus capable of being connected to the first information processing apparatus via a network (Salmonsens, Col. 9 Lines 34 – 36, Disk Ids stored in a database), wherein the second information processing apparatus is operable to receive first identification information, and second identification information and the password over the network from the first information processing apparatus (Salmonsens, Col. 5 Lines 50 – 62, secure server for authentication to receive data from user interface), the first identification information identifying at least one of the first information processing apparatus or a user of the first information processing apparatus (Salmonsens, Col. 5 Lines 50 – 62, User data and Col. 9 Lines 23 – 28, symmetric key associated with a drive), the second identification information identifying a program stored on a recording medium coupled to the first information processing apparatus (Salmonsens, Col. 9 Lines 32 – 36, disk id), the second information processing apparatus being operable to verify whether the received first and second identification information and the password match data stored in the database, such that when each of the first and second identification information matches the data stored in the database, or the second identification information matches the data stored in the database and a password inputted by the user at the first information processing apparatus is valid (Salmonsens, Col. 9 Lines 64 – Col. 10 Lines 7, authenticates a user based on a particular disk being requested), the second information processing apparatus permits the first information processing apparatus to execute the program (Salmonsens, Col. 7 Lines 7 – 11, data being played after authorization).

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6. As per claims 44 and 48, Salmonsens discloses the first identification information includes a user ID identifying the user (Salmonsens, Col. 5 Lines 50 – 62, User data).

7. As per claims 45 and 49, Salmonsens discloses the first identification information includes a device ID identifying the first information processing apparatus (Salmonsens, Col. 9 Lines 23 – 28, symmetric key associated with a drive).

8. As per claims 46 and 50, Salmonsens discloses the device ID is unique to the first information processing apparatus (Salmonsens, Col. 9 Lines 23 – 28, symmetric key associated with a drive).

9. As per claim 52, Salmonsens discloses a database and being operable to receive a password inputted by a user at the first information processing apparatus and first identification information and second identification information over the network from the first information processing apparatus (Salmonsens, Col. 5 Lines 50 – 62, user interface that accepts a password and communicates with secure server), the first identification information identifying at least one of the first information processing apparatus or a user of the first information processing apparatus and the second identification information identifying a program stored on a recording medium coupled to the first information processing apparatus (Salmonsens, Col. 5 Lines 50 – 62, User data and Col. 9 Lines 23 – 28, symmetric key associated with a drive), and verify whether the received first and second identification information and the password match data stored in the database, such that when each of the first and second identification information matches the data stored in the database, or each of the second identification information and the password matches the data stored in the database (Salmonsens,

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Col. 9 Lines 64 – Col. 10 Lines 7, authenticates a user based on a particular disk being requested), the second information processing apparatus permits the first information processing apparatus to execute the program (Salmonsens, Col. 7 Lines 7 – 11, data being played after authorization).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roderick Tolentino whose telephone number is (571) 272-2661. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on (571) 272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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